

Title (en)

Process for producing 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid and ester thereof

Title (de)

Verfahren zur Herstellung von Naphthalin-2,6-dicarbonsäure und ihrem Ester

Title (fr)

Procédé de préparation de l'acide naphthalène-2,6-dicarboxylique et de son ester

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[origin: EP0721931A1] A process for producing 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid (NDCA) is disclosed. This process comprises oxidizing a 2,6-dialkylnaphthalene with a gas containing molecular oxygen in a solvent containing a lower aliphatic carboxylic acid in the presence of a catalyst comprising heavy metal compounds and a bromine compound, and is characterized in that an ester mixture containing dimethyl 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate (NDCM) is added to the oxidation reaction. The low boiling distillate, the high boiling still residue, and the residue of the mother liquor after recrystallization, occurring during purification of the crude NDCM, are also used as additives to the oxidation reaction. According to the present invention, NDCA with large particle size and bulk density can be obtained. Therefore, solid-liquid separation of the crystals, drying of the separated crystals and transportation of the dried crystals are made easier.

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